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For

: CERAMIC MULTILAYER FILTERS
AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SAME

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED APRIL 8, 2004

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Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed April 8, 2004, which sets a three-month shortened statutory period for response until July 8, 2004.

Applicants note that this response is being filed by the initial due date for response, whereby an extension of time and the government fee associated therewith should not be necessary for maintaining the pendency of the application. However, if any extension of time is required to maintain the pendency of the application, this is an express request for any required extension of time and authorization to charge any necessary fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Entry of the following amendment and reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of record are respectfully requested.